

Chapter 1

The Database Environment



System Modeling

Process-Oriented Approach

- Process Modeling
- Data Modeling
- Object Modeling

Data-Oriented Approach

Object-Oriented Approach

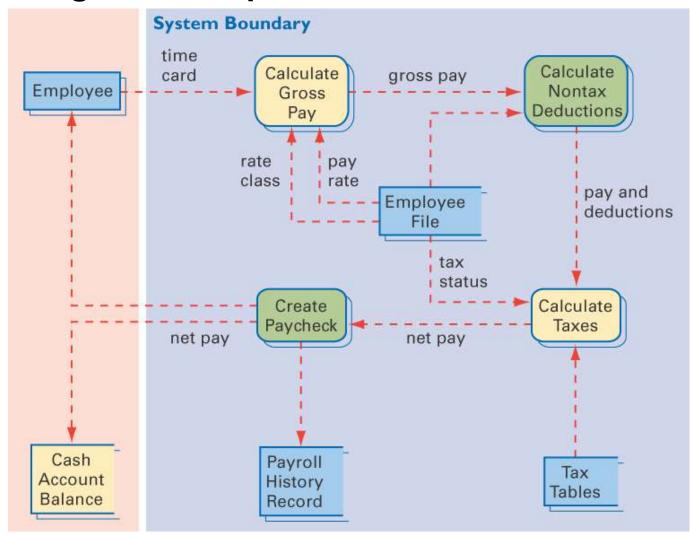


Approaches to Systems Development

- Process-Oriented Approach
 - Focus is on flow, use and transformation of data in an information system
 - Involves creating graphical representations such as data flow diagrams and charts
 - Data are tracked from sources, through intermediate steps and to final destinations
 - Natural structure of data is not specified
 - Helps us understand and improve how the organization functions
 - Disadvantage: data files are tied to specific applications



Data Flow Diagram Example



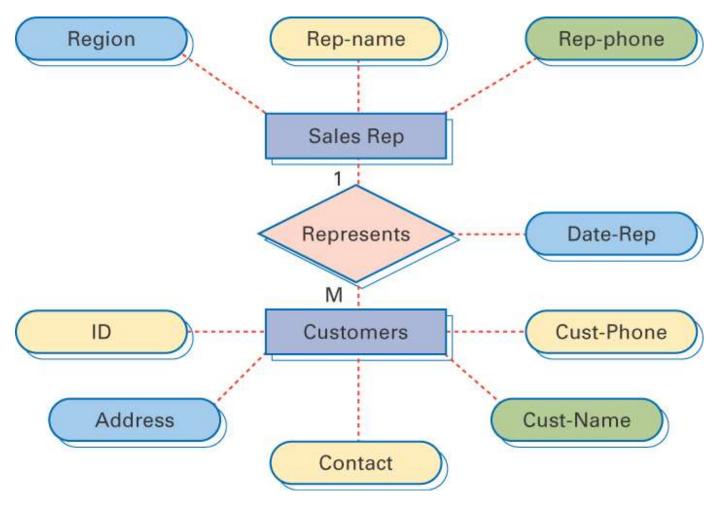


Approaches to Systems Development

- Data-Oriented Approach
 - Depicts ideal organization of data, independent of where and how data are used
 - Data model describes kinds of data and business relationships among the data
 - Business rules depict how organization captures and processes the data
 - Helps us understand, preserve and protect the organization's data resources



Entity-Relationship model





Approaches to Systems Development

- Object-Oriented Approach
 - Describe the properties of objects, their relationship to one another, and the functions they perform
 - Examples
 - Inheritance diagrams
 - State diagrams



What is a Database Management System?

- Database
 - An organized collection of logically related data, designed to meet the information needs of multiple users in an organization
- Database Management System
 - Comprises programs to store, retrieve, and otherwise manage a computerized database and to provide interfaces to application programs and to non-programming users





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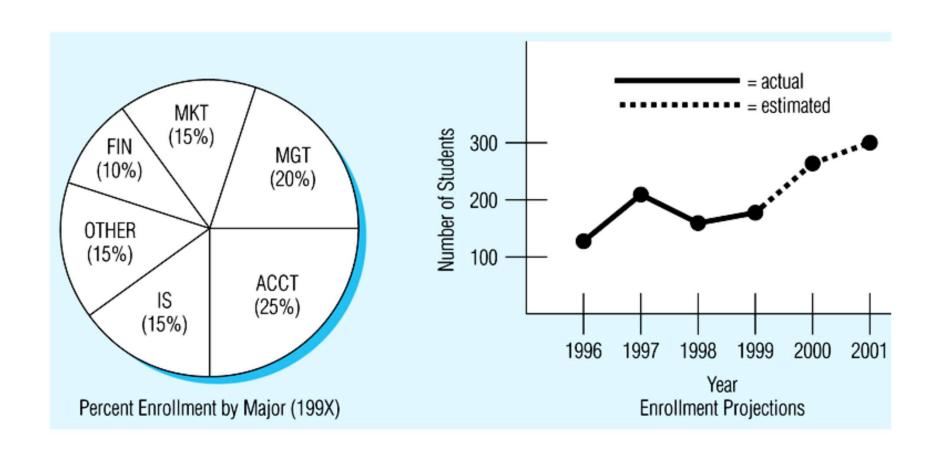
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Summarized data





Meta Data

"Data about data"

Descriptions of the properties or characteristics of the data, including data types, field sizes, allowable values, and documentation

Data Item		Value			
Name	Туре	Length	Min	Max	Description
Course	Alphanumeric	30			Course ID and name
Section	Integer	1	1	9	Section number
Semester	Alphanumeric	10			Semester and year
Name	Alphanumeric	30			Student name
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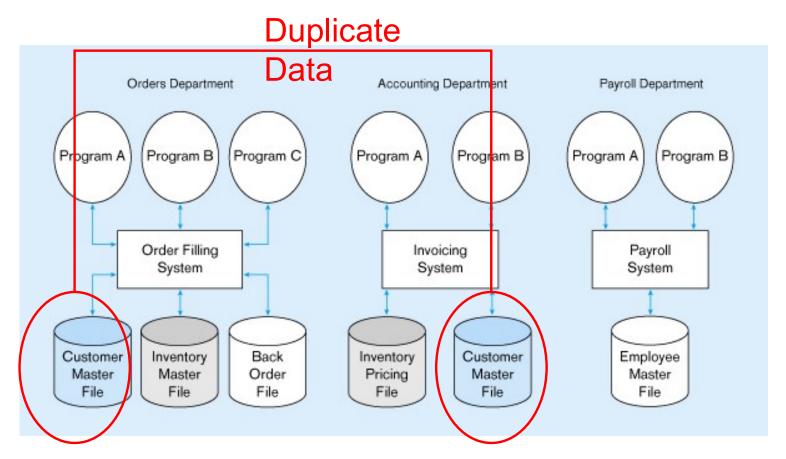
Pine Valley Furniture (File Processing System)

- 15 Years ago, Mr. Knotts started making furniture as a hobby
- Now has 100 employees with several product lines
- Experiencing rapid growth
- Separate departments: Sales & Orders, Accounting & Purchasing, and Payroll
- 3 Computer Applications meeting the needs of a particular dept or group

What problems do you think the company is facing?



Three file processing systems at Pine Valley Furniture



Focuses on the data processing needs of individual departments in an organization



Disadvantages of File Processing Systems

- Data Redundancy (Duplication of data)
 - Different systems/programs have separate copies of the same data
- Program-data Dependence
 - All programs maintain metadata for each file they use
- Limited Data Sharing
 - No centralized control of data
- Lengthy Development Times-poor enforcement standards
 - Programmers must design their own file formats
- Excessive Program Maintenance.
 - 80% of of information systems budget



Problems with Data Dependency

- Each application programmer must maintain their own data
- Each application program needs to include code for the metadata of each file
- Each application program must have its own processing routines for reading, inserting, updating and deleting data
- Lack of coordination and central control
- Non-standard file formats



Problems with Data Redundancy

- Waste of space to have duplicate data
- Causes more maintenance headaches
- The biggest Problem:
 - When data changes in one file, could cause inconsistencies
 - Compromises data integrity



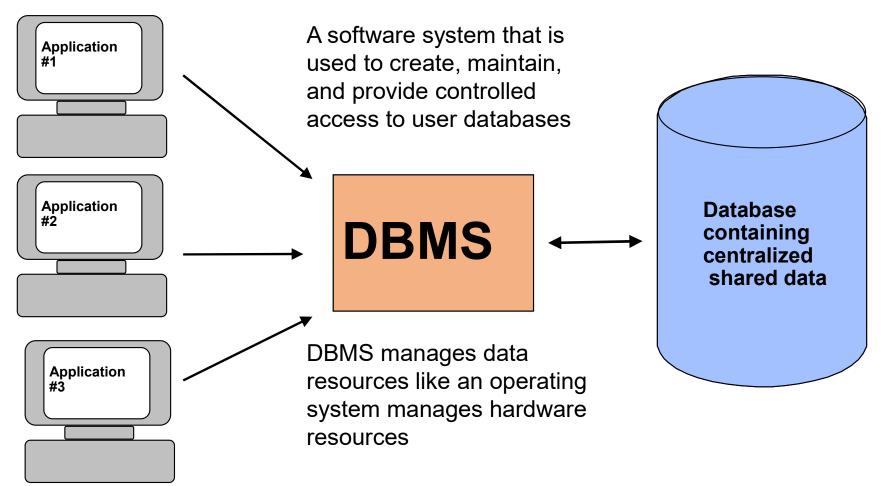
SOLUTION: The Database Approach

- Emphasizes the integration of data across the organization
- Central repository of shared data
- Data is managed by a controlling agent
- Stored in a standardized, convenient form



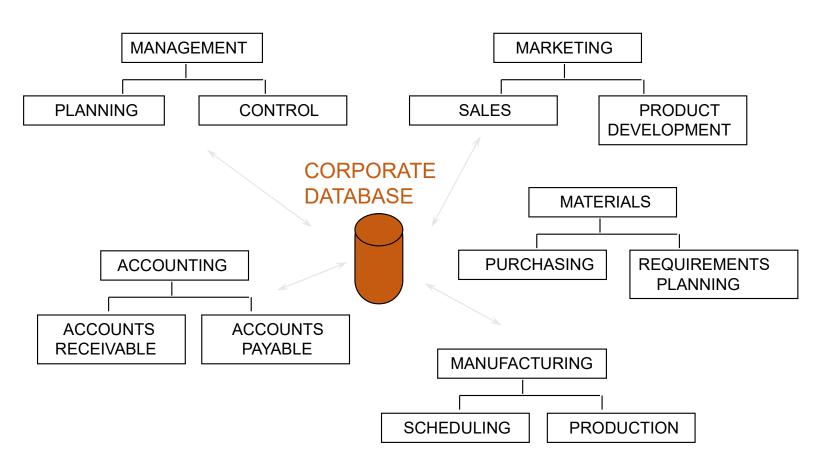


Database Management System





Concept of a shared Corporate Database





Advantages of Database Approach

- Program-Data Independence
 - Metadata stored in DBMS, so applications don't need to worry about data formats
 - Data queries/updates managed by DBMS so programs don't need to process data access routines
 - Results in: increased application development and maintenance productivity
- Minimal Data Redundancy
 - Leads to increased data integrity/consistency



Advantages of Database Approach

- Improved Data Sharing
 - Different users get different views of the data
- Enforcement of Standards
 - All data access is done in the same way
- Improved Data Quality
 - Constraints, data validation rules
- Better Data Accessibility/ Responsiveness
 - Use of standard data query language (SQL)
- Security, Backup/Recovery, Concurrency
 - Disaster recovery is easier



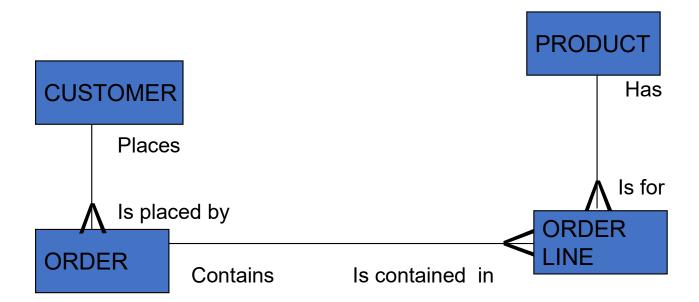
Costs and Risk of the Database Approach

- Data backup costs
 - Result of minimal data redundancy
- Interference with shared data (concurrency controls)
- Ongoing Costs
 - Requires New, Specialized Personnel
 - Need for Explicit Backup and Recovery
- Privacy, security issues
- Organizational conflict
 - Data definitions and responsibilities.
 - Old habits die hard



Enterprise Data Model

 A graphical model that shows the high-level entities for an organization and the relationships among the entities

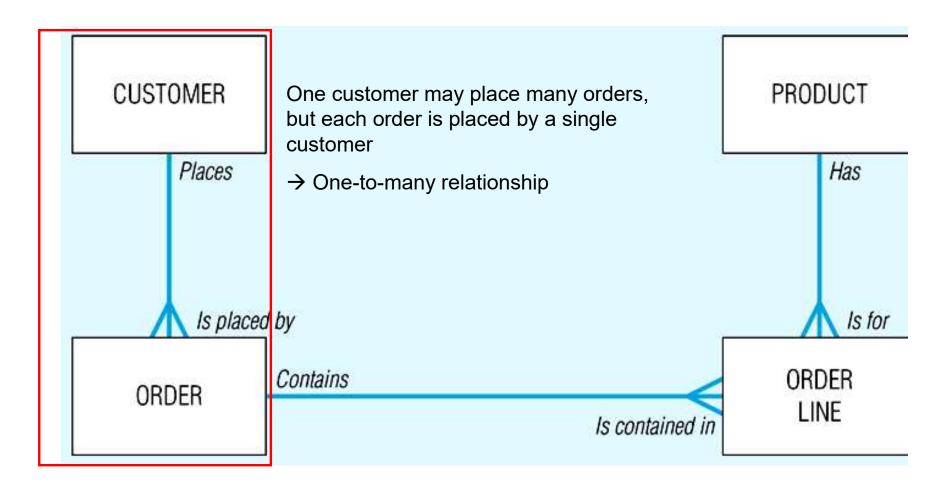




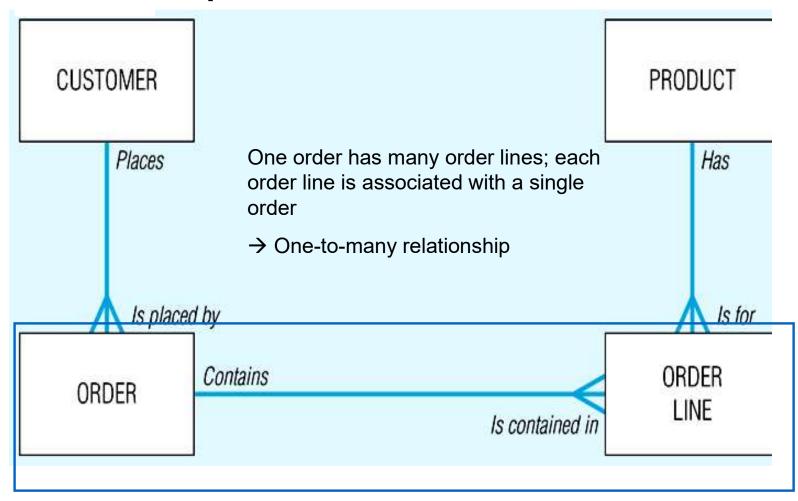
Characteristics of Enterprise Data Model

- Provides valuable information about how the organization functions as well as important constraints
- Stresses the <u>integration</u> of data and processes by focusing on the entities, relationships and business rules

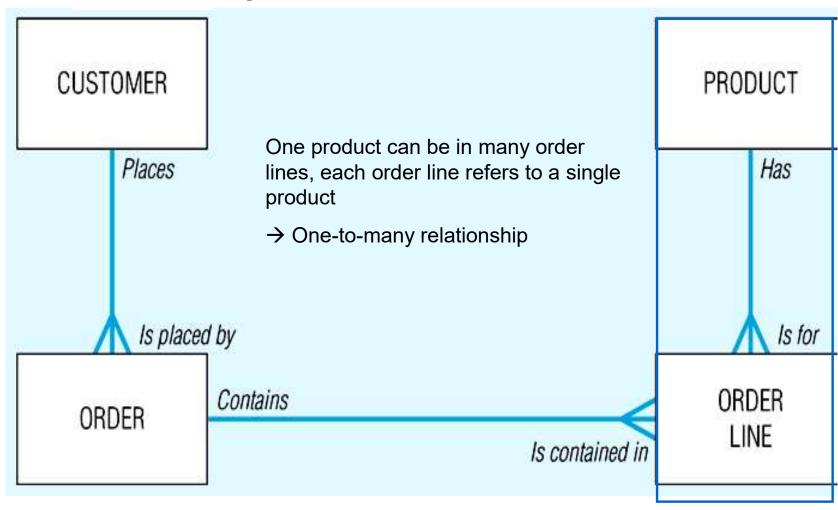




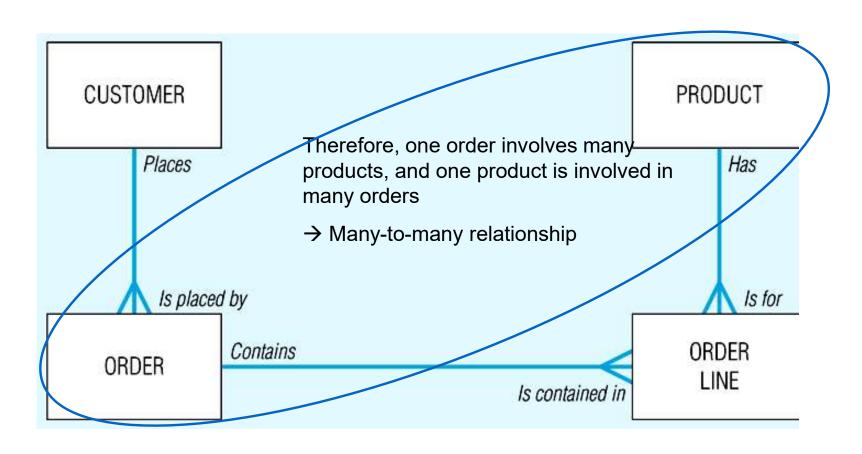






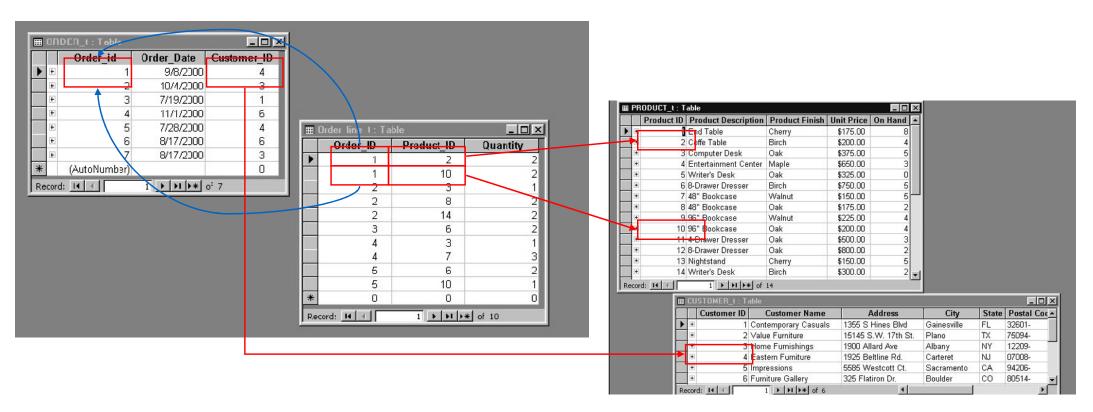




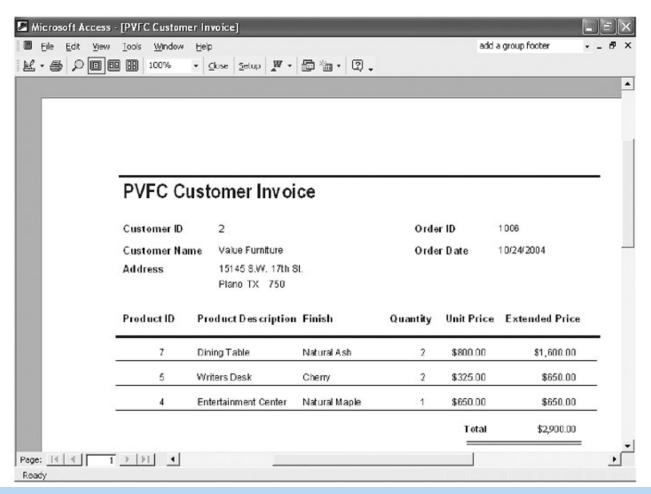




Order, Order_Line, Customer, and Product tables



Relationships established in special columns that provide links between tables





Application program functions:

inserting new data, updating existing data,deleting existing data, reading data for display

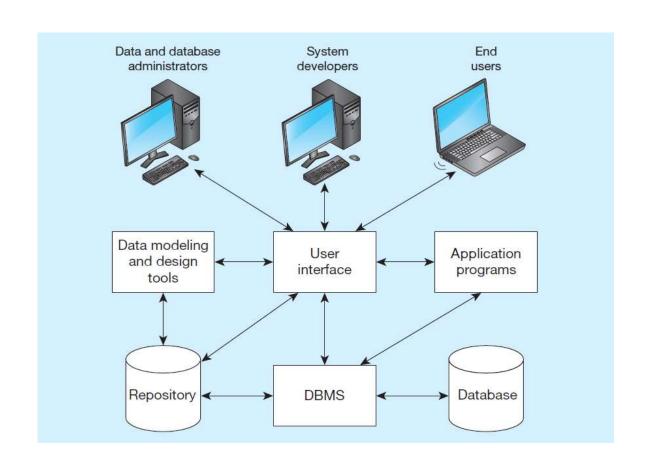


Components of the Database Environment

- CASE Tools computer-aided software engineering & data modeling and design tools
- Repository centralized storehouse of metadata
- Database Management System (DBMS) software for managing the database
- Database storehouse of the data
- Application Programs software using the data
- User Interface text and graphical displays to users
- Data Administrators personnel responsible for maintaining the database
- System Developers personnel responsible for designing databases and software
- End Users people who use the applications and databases



Components of the Database Environment



ERP Screen Shots

